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SDSN and SDGs Adoption by the UNGA

On September 25, world leaders gathered at the United Nations to adopt the 17 [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) – a truly universal, and transformative global development agenda. The SDSN congratulates the international community, and in particular Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and the members of the United Nations General Assembly and the leaders of the inter-governmental process, for the historic achievement. Having made significant contributions to the design of these goals, the SDSN is now shifting its focus to supporting the implementation of the goals at local, national, and global scales by deepening our global network of knowledge institutions and problem solvers and promoting practical solutions initiatives.

For more information, visit:

<http://unsdsn.org/blog/news/2015/09/30/sdsn-newsletter-september-30-2015/>

6th Annual ISDS, 2015

The 6th Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development Summit (ISDS) was held from August 23-28th in Ibadan, Nigeria. The theme of this year's summit was "The Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda: Whither Africa?". Hosted by the University of Ibadan Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV) in collaboration with the SDSN Nigeria and the African Sustainable Development Network (ASUDNET), the conference brought together over 150 participants from academia, government, civil society, and international organizations from Nigeria and across the continent, including Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, and a high-level del-



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egation from The Gambia.

The focus was on the SDGs in the African context and specifically the ECOWAS region and Nigeria, and covered the challenges and potential solutions for implementation. The conference was an opportunity for participants to presentations on all 17 goals areas, as well as for government representatives, including from the Office of the Senior Special Assistant to the President on the MDGs (OSSAP) to share information about plans for SDG implementation. The conference concluded with recommendations on how Nigeria and the sub-region can adapt and domesticate the SDGs for the national and local contexts.

For more information, visit:

<http://unsdsn.org/blog/news/2015/08/28/6th-annual-isds/>



Network Updates

SDSN-Nigeria Events Recap, 2015

The Nigeria chapter of the SDSN released its Activity Progress Report (APR) prior to the adoption of the SDGs in New York this September. This year activities were full of success stories from three major events and their side events:

Three days (26-28 May, 2015) Capacity Building workshop was held by the Network in conjunction with the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in the Eastern part of the country. The theme was: **Sustainability of Nigerian Environment for Sustainable Development**. The full communiqué of the workshop is available on the Network website.

Sixth Annual Ibadan Sustainable Development, ISDS, 2015 held in collaboration with the University of Ibadan, Centre for Sustainable Development (CESDEV), African Sustainable Development Network (ASUDNET), with support from SDSN Global, Ford Foundation, United Nations Millennium

Campaign Organization and the Smile Communications Nigeria. The theme was: **the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda: Whither Africa?**. The summit successfully developed an action plan for the domestication of the SDGs for Nigeria and the West African sub-region. The full outcomes of the Summit are available on the Network website.

Review of membership performance and expansion by the Network Board Member's meetings to include other institutions from state and private universities, polytechnics and colleges of education with capacity to participate in the activities and implementation of the SDGs and SDSN-Nigeria action plans.

The full outcomes of the meeting are available on the Network's website. www.nsdnsn.org.ng

The SDSN-Nigeria Programmes in view

At focus for 2016, the Network has considered the necessity to build on the successes and advance its activities on the following:

Organise a reawakening sensitization workshop on the need for participation of the academia in the implementation of the SDGs for heads of relevant academic and research institutions in Nigeria.

Mobilise and collaborate with government ministries, departments and agencies, including relevant stakeholders within the country, across the region of West Africa and beyond for practical actions on the implementation of the SDGs.

Rededicate commitment towards full implementation of the Niger-Delta Development action plan, and develop new proposals to engage in more innovative and practical solution initiatives and projects from the local nodes, institutions and communities.

Institutionalise the SDSN-Nigeria through organization of Network Working and Research Groups sub-team on related goals; organize local/regional leadership for the WRGs and institutions/Communities and selec-

Go for Goals: Planet, People, and Prosperity

On 25 September 2015, the world marked a turning point in the history of humanity

The shared the passion to save world in need of rescue

And indeed the conviction and countless toils finally paid off

With the launch of the sustainable development goal (SDGs)

Collective vision and humongous supports

Have yielded a path to chart to sustainable future

The visionary and the bearer can together find confluence in the goals

As we embrace and remain committed to run with the vision made plain

We would experience the transformation for our planet, people, and prosperity .

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SDGs SDSN-Nigeria Working and Research Groups

tion of panel to work on logistical arrangements.

Formulation of the five (5) SDGs SDSN-Nigeria Working and Research groups as a pathway to engage all concerned stakeholders in the successful domestication and implementation of the SDGs in Nigeria and in the African sub-regions. These groups are:

Group 1:

Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Goal 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

Goal 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

Group 2:

Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Group 3:

Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

Goal 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

Group 4:

Goal 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all

Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development



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Goal 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

Group 5:

Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

Goal 17: Strengthen the means of implementation



SDSN Leadership Council Meeting in New York

The [Leadership Council](#) of the SDSN convened at Columbia University on September 24 to review the governance and work plan of the SDSN. The Council broadened the leadership of the SDSN by appointing four additional Co-Chairs: [Amina Mohammed](#), [Aromar Revi](#), [John Thwaites](#), and [Virgilio Viana](#). They join [Laurence Tubiana](#) and [Xue Lan](#) to strengthen the SDSN’s regional presence. Moreover, the Council decided to launch an SDG Center for Africa in Kigali. The Government of Rwanda will host this center to support the implementation of the SDGs in the region. Finally, the SDSN Thematic Groups will be reconstituted as broader Thematic Networks to mobilize knowledge and expertise for the implementation of the SDGs.

For more information, visit: <http://unsdsn.org>

3rd International Conference on SD

During September 23 and 24, the SDSN, in partnership with the Global Association of Masters in Development Practice Programs, held the 3rd annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) at Columbia University in New York. The event featured high-level speakers, including the Presidents of Liberia, Malta, and Rwanda; the First Lady of Panama; high-level UN officials including Irina Bokova and Jan Eliasson, and SDSN Leadership Council members Peter Bakker, James Hansen, Pavel Kabat, Cherie Nursalim, Johan Rockström, Jeffrey Sachs, Vania Somavilla, and Hans Vestberg. With the theme of “Implementing the SDGs: Getting Started,” the conference brought together a wide range of stakeholders to identify and share practical, evidence-based solutions to support the SDGs.

Full agenda and conference recordings are available at ic-sd.org.

Post-Adoption Events

November 10- [Leaders from Global Sustainability Network Unite to Call for G20 Action on Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) Ahead of the G20 Antalya Summit](#)

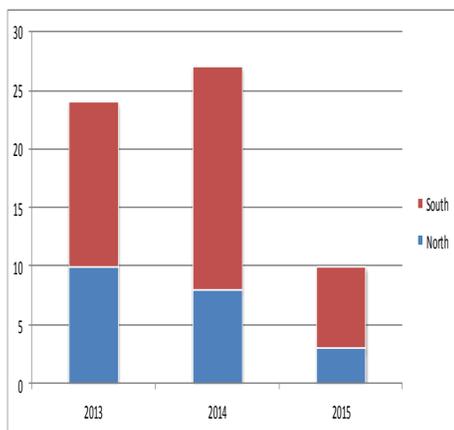
November 10- Press release presenting the SDSN G20 Declaration for Action signed by leadership from Regional and National Networks. [SDSN G20 Declaration for Action](#)

November 10- Declaration from SDSN Regional and National Networks leadership urging G20 action on the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

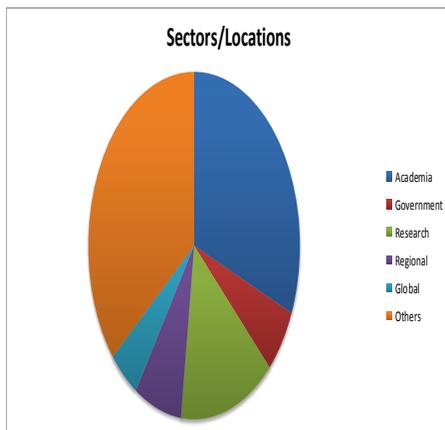
November 11-12 – [What the Sustainable Development Goals Mean for G20 Countries](#) | Istanbul, Turkey

November 30-December 11 – COP 21 | Paris, France

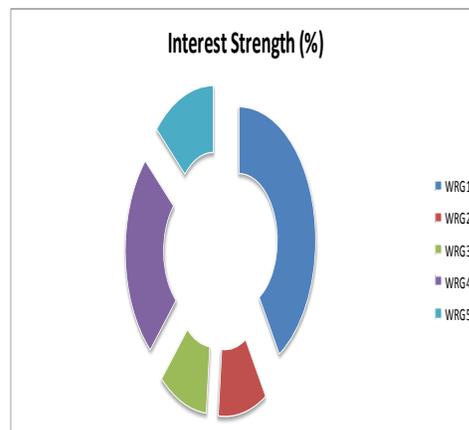
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Member Universities Participation based on North-South Zones since Inception (2013 – 2015)



The Sixth Annual ISDS, 2015 Participation/ Representation



SDGs SDSN-Nigeria Working and Research Groups Membership/ Interest /Strength